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[The Nippon Foundation News] Early Summer 2021

Greetings from The Nippon Foundation. The weather in Tokyo is currently transitioning from spring to summer, with the temperature earlier this week surpassing 30° C for the first time this year. This week would mark the beginning of the rainy season in an average year, but it appears that this year's start is still at least a few days away. In coronavirus-related news, the state of emergency declared in late April for Tokyo, Osaka, and several other prefectures has been extended to June 20. An encouraging development, however, is that the pace of vaccinations is picking up. In addition to the original program being carried out by local municipal governments, large-scale vaccination centers have begun operating in Tokyo and Osaka, and large companies and universities are preparing to begin offering on-site vaccinations to employees and their families and to students later this month.



Two varieties of hydrangea, a flower currently in bloom and associated with the rainy season in Japan.

The True Colors Festival project has released a video, "True Colors FASHION: The Future is Now!" to showcase adaptive fashion pieces for diverse bodies, empowered by technology that expands on existing wearables like prosthetic limbs and wheelchairs. More information, including a link to the video on the TCF official YouTube channel, is available at the link below.

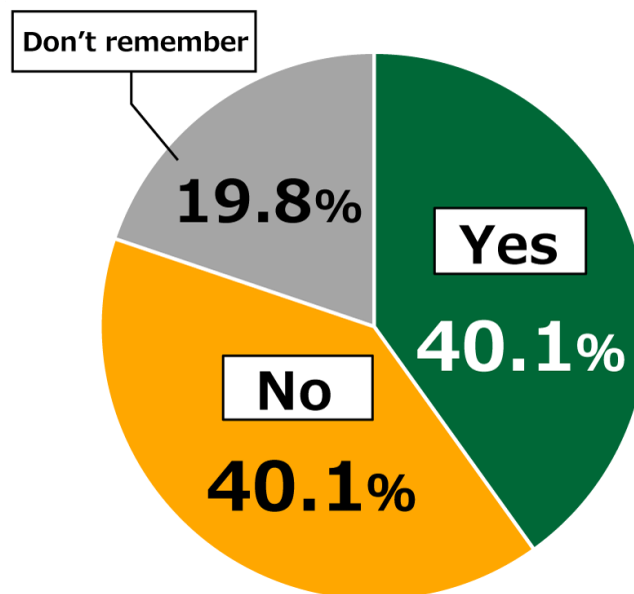
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Awareness Survey of 18-Year-Olds

Preamble to the Constitution



With constitutional revision an issue that continues to be discussed in Japan, the 37th installment of the Awareness Survey of 18-Year-Olds was carried out in mid-April on the subject of the "Preamble to the Constitution." The survey found that 40% of respondents have either read or have a recollection of having read the Preamble, and of those, more than half said that they read it when they were in junior high school. More than 80% of all respondents replied that it was difficult to understand or that there were points that they could not understand.

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The Valuable 500 Achieves Goal of Enlisting 500 Global CEOs

Network includes 50 Japanese companies

The Valuable 500

The Valuable 500, a global network supported by The Nippon Foundation that seeks to promote the inclusion of persons with disabilities in business through access to jobs, products, and services, has reached its target of having the CEOs of 500 companies commit to its program. Having reached its target of 500 companies, it will now move on to the next phase of its campaign, which will include product development, the creation of tracking metrics, and the creation of an easily accessible portal site for hiring.

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Novel Technology Turns Discarded Plastic Bottles into Eyeglass Frames

Manufacturer of plastic products taking up ‘umigomi zero’ challenge



Eiji Uchida is president of Uchida Plastic, a manufacturer of plastic products in Sabae City, Fukui Prefecture. Sabae is known throughout Japan as a manufacturing center for eyeglasses, and Uchida Plastic won The Nippon Foundation Award in the Innovation category of the UMIGOMI Zero Award 2020 for sunglass frames it has developed that are made from recycled plastic bottles. The UMIGOMI Zero Award is jointly operated by The Nippon Foundation and the Ministry of the Environment to address the issue of ocean debris.

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